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SUBJECT: ROMANIA ON KOSOVO RECOGNITION

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Jeri Guthrie-Corn: Reasons 1.5(b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (C) POLOFF delivered reftel demarche on 5 December to MFA Director General for Political Affairs Stefan Tinca. The talking points, including a request for Romania to recognize an independent Kosovo, elicited the following reaction:

"What has changed? The grueling exercise of compromising on EULEX and the language contained in the NATO communique were because Romania can do these things within the framework of UNSCR 1244. If you take away 1244, then Romania would be able to do nothing. What you have offered up does not change the Romanian position on not recognizing Kosovo."

[¶2.](#) (C) COMMENT: Mission will deliver any Kosovo-related demarche per Department's request, but the Romanians have made their position very clear on a number of occasions. We do not anticipate recognition of Kosovo in the foreseeable future. END COMMENT
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